

Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: KURT KARWACHY

Species observed:

Address: WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES, INC.

AMERICAN BITTERN - BOTAURUS LENTIGINOSUS

122 MAIN ST., NO. 3 TOPSHAM, MAINE

Date and Time of observation:

Phone: 207-729-1199 (H) 04086 (W)

6 MAY 99 - 1530

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Washington County BERNSHIRE USGS Map: PITTSFIELD EAST MA

b) Please attach a photo copy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic map (or similar map if a USGS map is unavailable). Please carefully mark the site in red where you observed this rare species.

c) Please explain how to get to this spot: WASHINGTON MTN. RESERVOIR
ON TOP OF OCTOBER MTN. STATE FOREST, EAST OF Woods Pond
(Housatonic River). Located in northeast section of lake
approx. 1 Km northeast from the parking area

2. Number of individuals observed: 1 (ONE)

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks? SIZE, FLIGHT PATTERN, HABITAT, PLUMAGE

Were photographs taken? NO

If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: UNKNOWN

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: UNKNOWN

(OVER)

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? NO
If yes, please give details: _____

7. Description of habitat at this site: RESERVA/MARSH WITH PATCHES
OF *PHragmites australis* AND *TYPHA LATIFOLIA* ALONG THE EDGE.

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site:
NONE OBSERVED

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: STATE, POSSIBLY

10. Additional observations/comments: _____

11. Qualifications of observer (check all that apply):
☒ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: 10
☐ Conservation Commission member
☒ Biology/science teacher
☒ Environmental Consultant
☒ Degree in Biology: ☒ Bachelor's ☐ Master's ☐ Ph. D.
☒ Other. Please specify: AVIAN BIOLOGIST FOR PAST 6 YEARS

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species:
OBSERVED SPECIES ON MANY OCCASIONS WHILE BIRDING IN NJ, MA, ME

13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): NONE

14. I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature MAZ Date: 6 MAY 99

Please submit field forms and all supporting documentation (map, photo, etc.) to:

MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135
Westboro, MA 01581
508-792-7270 ext. 200

